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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6.

Free coinage of silver at a ratio of sixteen to one; statehood for all our territories; protection for American products; this is what a majority of the people want, and which they have a right to expect of the present congress.

The motion to cut off Ambassador Bayard's salary wasn't made.—Boston Herald.

No, it seems not, but no "motion" should be necessary "to cut off" his official head.

The Masonic Grand Lodge for the state of Utah, recently held an election for officers, and our esteemed friend, Dr. Wm. T. Dalby, of Salt Lake City, was honored by an election to the exalted position of Grand Master for the State of Utah.

TOMORROW is Arbor Day by proclamation of Governor L. C. Hughes. It is a beautiful custom and should be universally observed by all peoples in all lands. He that planteth a tree hath conferred a benefit upon coming generations, who will joyfully bless him for being a benefactor to them.

It has been our impression all the while, there existed a statute prohibiting prize-fighting in New Mexico, but now comes a telegram giving an account of the Miller-Gable fight, which is said to have taken place in the Capitol city under the very nose of the Governor. Where is Thornton?

The Chinese new year comes on the 12th instant, at which time good Chinamen pay off all debts. While the western nations are prone to look upon "John" as an "heathen Chinese," many of them would be better neighbors and citizens were they to follow this beautiful custom of the despised Chinaman.

The Gallup Gleaner came out on the 28th ultimo with a special edition, illustrative and descriptive of its town's resources and capabilities. Such enterprise on the part of the Gleaner deserves more than a passing notice from the people; it deserves the substantial support of every individual having a dollars investment in the town. The local paper is your true friend and does more towards the upbuilding of its locality than almost all other agencies combined; not to give it loyal support is treachery to your town and to your own interests.

"Let Mr. Reed move off the track," says the San Francisco Examiner, "and make way for the locomotive. Otherwise the locomotive may make a way for itself with unpleasant results to Mr. Reed." It is well your remarks were qualified, as it "may" leave a hole out of which to crawl. Mr. Reed need not "move off the track," for at the right time an insurmountable obstruction will be found in front of your "wild engine," usually called an "electoral vote," which will cave your "locomotive" down the bank. It is an old rattle-trap at the best and to avoid the impending cyclone, you had better "side track" the rotten old thing out of harm's way.

"Geo. Hill Howard, the well known attorney," says the Albuquerque Morning Democrat, "left Feb. 1st for California. Mr. Howard will return soon and make this city his permanent residence." Our first acquaintance with Mr. Howard began in San Diego, Cal. in 1874, at which time we two together made the trip across the desert, along the Mexican boundary line (part of the time in Mexico, and part of the time in the U. S.), from San Diego, Cal. to Tucson, Arizona. In crossing the dry bed of the Gulf of California, a few miles west of New River Station, we experienced quite a shock of earthquake. In 1874 there were no railroads as now, and the great overland mail route was from San Diego, via Yuma, Tucson to El Paso, Texas; the mails being carried by steamer from San Francisco to San Diego, California.

The House Committee on foreign affairs have adopted a resolution censuring Mr. Bayard, United States Ambassador at the Court of St. James, for making un-American speeches at Edinburgh and at other points in England, while pretending to represent the American people. When our "representatives" so far forget themselves, or get so low as to "lick spittle," or toady to anything foreign, they have outlived their usefulness and cease to represent anything but themselves and should be deprived of office; and by an act of Congress, disbanded from ever disgracing this country again.

Juana Walker will get another hearing, February 7, says the supreme court. The Indian girl may yet get the old millionaire's estate.—Phoenix Gazette.

The editor of the ARGUS knew Walker when he lived with a Pima woman, and he called her his wife at that time.

Last Sunday was "ground-hog day." If cloudy so that he could not see his shadow, spring has opened; if the sun shone and he saw his shadow, spring will not open for six weeks longer or until the 8th of March.

Phoenix Midwinter Carnival.

Do you desire to take in the great midwinter carnival at Phoenix, beginning February 19th and lasting until Washington's birthday February 22nd? The Atlantic & Pacific railway will sell excursion tickets from all points on its line to Phoenix and back, at the rate of

ONE FARE

for the round trip.

Tickets on sale Feb. 17th to 21st inclusive, good for return 15 days from date of sale. The program arranged includes many attractive and novel features, the greatest of which is perhaps the Wild West and Indian exhibitions. There will be over 500 Indians of 5 distinct tribes; cowboys from every point of the territory; a drilled Indian school with Indian band and 400 pupils. Their various exercises, and parades will form a picture of native life impossible in any other city, and more startling from the contrast with the surroundings of modern civilization.

The entire garrison of Fort Whipple will be present with regimental band. Trotting and running races, trap shooting, base ball, cricket, football and tennis are among the sports of the occasion. A magnificent trades parade and a procession of beautiful floats and a grand fireworks display are among the other features. The Atlantic & Pacific, as also the Santa Fe, Prescott & Phoenix railways, have made liberal reductions, thus giving everybody a chance to see the great Carnival. Go via the new line—the S. F. & P. P.—and see the wonderful development of Central Arizona and the Salt River Valley. Get tickets and further information from any agent of the Atlantic and Pacific R. R.

J. E. DE ROSEAR, Agent.

From Journal-Miner.

A family named Crose arrived here this morning enroute to the Verde valley. The father and four children, the ages of the latter ranging from four to ten years, and all musicians and will play at the Palace this evening at 8 o'clock. One little tot plays a horn which is nearly as large as himself.

Joseph and Dan Marr came up from the Verde valley to give their testimony in support of Wales Arnold's homestead claim.

[All three of the above named people are A. I. and Hassayampers too boot. Ed.]

Threw Away His Canes.

Mr. D. Wiley, ex-postmaster, Black Creek, N. Y., was so badly afflicted with rheumatism that he was only able to hobble around with canes, and even then it caused him great pain. After using Chamberlain's Pain Balm he was so much improved that he threw away his canes. He says this liniment did him more good than all other medicines and treatment put together. For sale at 50 cents per bottle by F. J. Watron.

CORRESPONDENCE.

"There's a chief among ye's takin' notes, And faith he's prent' em."

Fort Apache Letter.

FORT APACHE, Jan. 25, 1896.

EDITOR ARGUS—Dear Sir:—I will endeavor to fulfill my promise of last week and conduct the reader through our magnificent Post Exchange. But before bidding adieu to our pleasant host, the hospital steward, let us compliment him upon the general cleanliness of the establishment; the order manifest within, without, and down cellar; the gentlemanly bearing of the nurses and last but not least, the healthful and robust appearance of the patients.

Upon entering the Post Exchange, the first thing to catch our eye is a sign printed in bold plain letters "No beer to be taken from this room. By order of the C. O." This sign suggests, at first sight, a longer stay than is compatible to his desire; especially, if he has other calls to make and is rushed for time. But after you have had a chance to become reconciled with the surroundings your natural observations will soon convince you that that sign goes for "nit" as you will see many loads of beer taken from that room every hour, and your admiration will be called in play to see how bravely and quietly those loads are carried hence. The sign simply means that beer must not be taken from the room in glass bottles, tin cans or other vessels wherein the flavor would be likely to escape therefrom.

Beside the sign just mentioned, is another, which reads "No loud singing or boisterous noise allowed in this room. By order of the C. O." and it is remarkable how reverently this order is obeyed. The men go in, order their beer, take it to the tables and take their time drinking it, or they may drink it all at the bar. Thirty cents per quart bottle or fifteen cents per half quart bottle is charged. Two brands of the best grades in the country are kept, showing that Uncle Sam has found out by experience or otherwise, that to keep the beer from getting the best of his soldiers he must get the best beer, which motto has proved to be correct in every way.

When the Canteen (now known as the Post Exchange) was first allowed in the army, certain cheap beer brewers edged themselves into the confidence of the Canteen Council and furnished a sort of "swill" at twenty cents per quart bottle. The same "swill" was purchased as eagerly as was the best beer, because it was the best to be had and a soldier must have something refreshing after a hard drill and beer generally strikes the spot, especially when the beer is cool and the "spot" is hot. During the time this "swill" was being sold to the soldiers, the guard house mustered the largest squad in the garrison; now it musters no garrison prisoners at all and guard and other duties are 99 per cent easier than they were ten years ago, when the Post Trader and boot-legger furnished us with our cold beverages.

On a door leading from the bar room we are informed by large letters that a lunch room exists in another apartment, let us step in and investigate. Here, as in the bar room, we see a soldier attendant in a neat and tidy habitment, a la café, dishing out ham and eggs, hot coffee, oyster stews, and everything to be procured in our western markets, pertaining to short order restaurants. From here the visitor is conducted back through the saloon, through the bowling alley where games are free to all—Indian clubs, dumb bells and other muscle producing instruments are plentiful. Thence through the store room and office to the store where everything from a pound of cheese to a suit of clothes can be purchased at prices lower than in any western first-class city. In another room leading from the store is the billiard room containing three tables; ten cents per game is charged, which is five cents more than on the companies private tables; the tables are supplied with lamps and an attendant is hired to attend to them and preserve order in the room. The proceeds of sales, after cost of goods and running expenses are settled, is divided, per capita, among the various companies and is used in purchasing extras for the mess, competent cook hire, in purchasing milch cows and paying a man to care for them.

I shall endeavor to give the very patient reader a more interesting statement in my next, as the Post Exchange has occupied too much space already, but it is the writer's greatest failing to tarry too long at this particular resort. SIM PLEX.

Our Taylor Letter.

TAYLOR, ARIZ., Feb. 3, 1896.

EDITOR ARGUS—Dear Sir:—Mr. Geo. Q. Tenney has just returned from a trip to Canon Diablo, and reports it very dry through that section of country, having been very little snow so far this winter, and liable to be heavy losses in stock if it does not storm soon.

Mr. Jackson of Indiana, is teaching a very good school at Shumway. Mr. Lewis of North Carolina, who is a brother of the post doctor at Fort Apache, is teaching the public school at the Mexican village on Silver creek near its source.

Mrs. Johns of Kansas, and Mrs. Hughes of Arizona, wife of Governor Hughes, will also visit here and Snowflake on the 21st and 22nd instants in the interest of Woman Suffrage. They will naturally have a warm reception here since most of the people favor the movement.

Funny things to see: The Bishop's Burnside; Clawson's mustache curled; Bert Dustin using his own chair and table in school and looking forty ways for Sunday; that hotel man taking a bath in a qt. of water; Butler singing with his eyes shut.

A wellknown lawyer of Bartholomew county, Ind., who had a favorite walnut tree growing in his garden concluded to have his coffin made out of it. He employed a carpenter to cut and put it into boards, and before the carpenter could finish the coffin the lawyer was in need of it. This may have a tendency to hurry up some people who are struck with such strange ideas; but there is one old gentleman in this vicinity who made his own coffin and placed it in his granary over two years ago, and he is still enjoying reasonable health. Several wives have been heard to remark if coffins were made too previous about their places of abode that a pile of kindling wood would be perceptible; so it is that such things are not regarded as agreeable ornaments by everybody.

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Our Snowflake Letter.

SNOWFLAKE, ARIZ., Feb. 1, 1896.

EDITOR ARGUS—Dear Sir:—In reading your prognostications in regard to the future of Holbrook, I am forcibly reminded that it takes considerable enterprise, many hard and well directed knocks, as well as a few dollars to bring about the desired result. At the present time there is a great deal of uncertainty in the minds of those who hold the purse strings as to what the near future will bring to pass. This uncertainty will have to be surmounted with some brighter prospects before much improvement will be manifest. The agriculturalists encouraged by the conditions of the soil, the prospective early spring and the reasonable expectation of a liberal supply of water for irrigation, are putting their best foot forward and will no doubt put in larger crops than usual, and this means for all of them a prosperous season.

The freighters have passed through most of the muddy season and the roads are now improving rapidly; and with grass in abundance, prices advanced, he has no reason to complain. Cattle and sheepmen generally in the ascendant, feel as though the crisis is past, especially is this the case with those who have been forced during the past two years to practice strict economy.

The railways seem to be doing a good business in transporting the commodities of different sections of the country to their respective markets; why then may I ask, this uncertainty? Why does the Winslow Mail sound the key note of alarm in a recent issue, and urge so strongly the reclamation of the soil and the storage of water as the true foundation for our prosperity? Mr. Editor, this warning should be heeded; we must endeavor to become self-sustaining; and all become producers and have something to sell. In the uncertainty of some of the gigantic "railroad deals," in which the A. & P. is at present involved, certain towns along the line may have a sudden change come over "the spirit of their dreams," that may be either for better or for worse; and while this state of unrest is prevalent, let the farmer tickle the soil and make it smile; the shepherd look well to his flocks, and whichever way the "deal" may go, have their platters right side up when the manna of prosperity shall begin to fall in our midst. A. FROST.

WANTED—AT THIS OFFICE, FOR which we will pay 15 cents each, copies of the ARGUS dated January 30, 1896, Vol. 1, No. 8. Our demand for back numbers has used up the supply. We printed quite a large number of extra copies but it seems not enough to supply the demand.

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